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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III, may God be his helper, while addressing the 53rd Rally of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya at Rabwah remarked that the Ahmadiyya Jamaat had not been established that it may fade out ; it had been established to live. He exhorted the members of the Jamaat to go on moving forward in humility and with praises of God the Almighty on their lips. He further said that the Angels of God would help them and they would see the achievement of the object of their life at no distant a date, rather, in their own life time. Huzur remarked that the time was not far when the whole world would come under the banner of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, Sallallaho Alaihi Wa Sallam, and thus the unification of human race would become an irrefutable fact.

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The Promised Messiah *alaihissalam,* SAYS:

For the sons of Adam there is no Messenger now and no Intercessor but Mohammad Mustafa (on whom be peace and blessings of God). It is meet, therefore, that you try and give true love to this Messenger, Mighty, Glorious. No other human should you hold in greater esteem. Make this your rule so that in the scrolls of heaven you should be enrolled among those who obtained their salvation. And remember, salvation is not something that comes after death. True slavation begins to show and shed its lustre in this very life. Who are the saved ones? They who have certainty of faith that God is real and true, that Mohammad (on whom be peace and blessings of Allah) is the Intercessor between God and all His creation, that there is no Prophet or Messenger under the sun equal to him, and no Book equal to the Quran. No Prophet was decreed by God to live for ever but only this Honoured Prophet. Only he lives for ever and ever. (Kashti-i-Nooh, p. 13)

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In the words of the

Promised Messiah *Alaihissalam*

On the 29th of October 1905 C.E. the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, was in Delhi, and there, one day, after the Zuhr prayer he wrote down the reasons as to why he believed that Eesa alaihissalam, had died and it was wrong to say that he was alive. This is what he wrote :

"In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

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We praise Him and pray for His noble Messenger.

The reasons why I take Eesa, alaihissalam, to have died are as follows :

1. The following verses about Eesa alahissalam are to be found in the Holy Quran : *Yaa Eesa innee motawaffeeka wa rafi-o-ka ilayya... Falamma tawaffaitanee.*

The Sahih Bukhari says in kitabut-Tafseer that these verses refer to death, as it is reported from Ibn-i-Abbas that he said *motawaffeeka, momeeioka. Falamma tawaffaitanee* is also mentioned there, as also a Saying of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, that he will say on the Day of Judgment that it was after his passing away that the people started going the wrong way, as it is stated *kamaa qaala abdussalih.*

2 The second thing about the word *tawaffa* that corroborates what has been said above is what all the Dictionaries of the Arabic language say—and I have checked them all, as far as it was possible for me—for example, Qaamoos, Taajul Oroos, Sirah, Sihah Jauhari, Lisaanul Arab and the books recently compiled in Beirut and published by the Christians. All these books show that according to the usage of Arabic language, when God is subject and man (or any living being) is the object, as for example, *tawaffahullaho Zaidan,* it can in no case mean anything but that God caused him to die. He who does not accept this idea, it is for him to bring forth an example from any of the Dictionaries of Arabic language to prove his case.

3. I have tried hard and have done in this respect as much as lay in my power to go through the six authentic books of Hadees but have not been able to find a single place where *tawaffa* may have been used to mean anything other than death. Rather there are almost three hundred places where this word means "death"

4. As far as it was possible for me I have gone through Arabic poetry (books of poetry) but I have not found a single couplet, neither in the pre-Islamic poetry nor the poetry after the advent of Islam, where the above quoted sentence may have a different meaning—other than causing death.'

5. Shah Wali Ullah has also said in his book *Al-Fauzul Kabeer*— that *motawaffeeka means momeeioka.* And I know that Shah Wali Ullah was a man of high rank among the Muhaddas and Jurisprudents and

he was a very learned person.

6. The Hadees which makes mention of Mi'raaj and is found in Bukhari, there also we are told that the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, saw Eesa, alaihissalam, among the prophets who have died. Here, therefore, we have two witnesses : one that of God, for, this thing is mentioned in the Holy Quran and two, that of the Holy Prophet on the night of the Mi'raaj.

7. The books *Kanzul Ummaal*, *Tabraani* and *Maa Sabata Bissunna* (by Sheikh Abdul Haq) quote the Holy Prophet as saying that Eesa, alaihissalam, lived up to one hundred and twentyfive years of age and in another tradition he is said to have lived 120 years. It is nowhere written that he lived for thousands of years.

8. The concensus of opinion that took place on the passing away of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, also proves conclusively that Eesa, alaihissalam, has died. This concensus of opinion was based on the verse of the Holy Quran : *Maa Mohammadun illa Rasool Qad Khalat min qablihir-rosul.*

9. Besides that, God has revealed it to me again and again, that Eesa alaihissalam, has died (this revelation of God is very true and very decisive). He (i.e. God) has proved the truth of my claim with glaring signs.

There are many other proofs as well. But I think this much shouid suffice : the death of Jesus is proved by the verses of the Holy Quran, the Hadees and the concensus of opinion of the Companions of the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. The Sura Noor indicates that the Khalifas of the Nation (Umma) will be members of this Nation (Umma). Bukhari also tells us that expected Jesus will be one of the people from among this very nation, for, the book says : *Imaamokum minkum.* Rather Bukhari tells us the features of the first Messiah and the features of the second Messiah as well (both different from one another).....

.....A new kind of means of transport has also been invented i.e. the Railway Train. God has shown no less than ten thousand Signs at my hand. Every intelligent person can well understand that the life of Islam is now based on the death of Eesa, alaihissalam (i.e. this thing being proved that he has died). If the Christians can be convinced that Eesa alaihissalam, that is Jesus Christ, has died, all of them will abandon Christianity.

And peace be on those who follow the truth.

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

(*Ofiya anho*)

29th October, 1905

EXPORTERS

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BOOKS ON ISLAM

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The Prophets & The Prophecies

The Promised Messiah alaihissalam, said that his prophecies were the criterion for his truth.

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In one of his books called "Arba-een" he said, "I call my God who is the Master of the earth and the heavens, to be witness that I am from Him and He bears a testimony to this fact through His Signs. If there is anyone who can successfully compete with me in showing the Heavenly Signs, I am then, definitely a liar."

"If there is anyone who can prove himself equal to me in the acceptance of the prayers, then I am a liar. If there is anyone who can be a match in the exposition of the meanings of the Holy Quran, then I am a liar. If the news of the Unseen and the Secrets that God reveals to me which are known to none but Him, are such that somebody else is also equal and alike to me, then, I am a liar."

The Promised Messiah alaihissalam, the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, made a large number of prophecies. Most of them have been fulfilled and some which are meant for distant future will no doubt be fulfilled in due course of time.

The prophecies are connected with every aspect of human life. It is not possible to deal with all of them here. Here we take up the one with which the whole world is concerned and whose veracity can be verified in all the parts of the world That prophecy is in connection with the spreading of his message and the acceptance of it by the people in various parts of the world.

The first hints of this prophecy were made by God long before the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat claimed to be the Promised Messiah.

It was almost twenty years before his claim that he was once asked to have a debate with a Maulvi on some religious points. The people felt that he was the right person to defeat the Maulvi. When the debate started he found out that what the Maulvi was saying was in perfect accordance with the teachings of Islam, he therefore did not feel any necessity of continuing the debate.

The people did not like the debate to be brought to an end so abruptly and with this result. But he did not care for the pleasure or the anger of the people. He was more concerned with the pleasure of God which lay in telling the truth. The night that followed the debate, God revealed to him in the words: "Your God is well pleased with this act of yours and He will bless you a great deal, so much so that the kings will seek blessings from your clothes."

In one of his books "Lujjatun-Noor" he has mentioned one of his visions in the following words: "In a vision which points to glad tidings, I saw a Jamaat (group) of sincere believers and just kings some of whom belonged to this country and others to Arabia and Persia; they are the people whom I do not know (before. Then God said to me that they are the people who will declare your truth; they will believe in you and they will pray for you (Salat)

and they will supplicate for you and I will grant you great blessings so much so that the kings will seek blessings from your clothes and I will make them sincere believers in you. This is the vision that I had and this is the revelation that God gave me—God who is the Knower of the Unseen."

In 1882 C.E. he was told by God through a revelation: "I will manifest Myself. I will raise you high through the display of My Power. A Warner came to the world, but the world accepted him not. However, God will accept him and prove his truthfulness with great manifestations of His."

This revelation clearly points to the fact that the message of the Promised Messiah alaihissalam, was not limited to any particular place; it was meant for the whole world. His message was to be carried to the farthest end of the earth and his truthfulness was to be proved everywhere.

In 1885 C.E. he received a revelation from God to the following effect: "The saintly people of Syria and the servants of God in Arabia pray for you."

The Promised Messiah alaihissalam, says in connection with this revelation, "God knows when will it be. It is only in the knowledge of God who knows best."

In 1886 C.E., the birth of an illustrious son was revealed to him. This son was to be a man of world fame. As for himself he was told: "Your name will be established by God in the world with honour and it will remain so till the end of the wolrd, and He will carry your message to the ends of the earth."

In the year 1891 C.E. he mentioned a vision of his in one of his books called "Izalai-Auham." The vision is that he saw himself in London standing on a pulpit expressing the truth of Islam in very fluent English, and with very strong arguments. After that he caught some white birds which were small in size and were perching on the branches of a tree. They were white in colour and were equal to, perhaps the size of a patridge. He says that he interpreted this vision to mean that althogh he may not go to London but his writings would definitely reach there and will be widely spread among the people and many of the truthful English men would become a prey to the truth.

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In 1897 C.E. he put forward a prophecy in the following words- and this prophecy was based on the revelations that he had received from God:

"Now, the days are approaching when the sun of Truth will rise and Europe will recognise the true God; very soon all the Millats will be destroyed except Islam and all the machinations will break (prove unworkable) except that of Islam for it is from Heavens; it will neither break nor become blunt till the spirit of Dajjal is crushed. That time is very near when the true Oneness of God which is well understood by even those who are the dwellers of the deserts and who are ignorant of any sort of teachings, will spread in various countries (i.e. will be accepted by the people of various countries). That day, there will be nothing of the sort of fabricated atonement, nor there will be any fabricated god. Just one stroke of the Hand of God will nullify all the schemes of Disbelief—but it will not be done with the help of a sword or a gun; it will be done by the giving of light to the

everprepared souls and by making the light descend on the hearts Then, whatever I am now saying, will be understood properly."

In 1898 C.E. he wrote in his book Lujjatun Noor "My God has revealed to me and He has given me the promise that He will help me, so much so that my Jamaat will reach the Easts and the Wests of the world."

In 1900 C.E. he mentioned in his book "Arbaeen" the following revelation from God, "I will gather all the nations who will come to you in groups. I have lit up your house. it is a place to which the people will come—and it is from God the Powerful, the Merciful."

This revelation clearly points to the fact that the people who are groping in the dark will find light at the house of the Promised Messiah alaihissalam, and they will rush to his house. They will come over there from all the parts of the world and there and nowhere else will they find spiritual comfort and consolation.

In 1906 C.E. he prophesied in the following words—and this prophecy was also based on the revelation which God had vouchsafed to him.

"God has told me again and again that He will grant me greatness and He will create my love in the hearts of the people. He will establish my Movement all over the earth and this group of mine will win a victory over all others. The members of my sect will be so perfected in knowledge and God realisation that they will close the mouths of all by dint of their light of the truth and their arguments and Signs. Every nation will drink from this Fountain. This Movement will have a quick growth and it will spread to such an extent that it will encompass the whole world. There will be many hurdles and many trials. But God will remove all of them and He will fulfil His Promise.

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"O you who are listening! Do remember these things. Keep these prophecies well preserved in your boxes, for, this is the Word of God which must be fulfilled, one day."

These are the prophecies that the Promised Messiah the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, alaihissalam, made from a tiny village and at a time when nobody knew him. He laid the foundation of the Jamaat in 1889 under the Command of God. There arose a storm of opposition against him. The few who already knew him and were his friends became his enemies. But in cemplete conformity with these prophecies his Jamaat continued to prosper—its membership increased not only in his own country but it was established and it continues to grow in other countries as well.

Nobody can fabricate a prophecy like this. And when this kind of prophecy is fulfilled and continues to be fulfilled every day and every where, none can reject the claim of the one who makes such a prophecy.

We invite our readers to think over it. They should also pray to God that He may grant them the understanding which may convince them of the truth of the Claim of the one who has been sent by God in this Age so that mankind may recognise their Creator and do His Will.

Our hearty prayers are with you all. May God bless you and your family and your friends Amen.

Addresses of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III

Khuddam

The out-going President is feted

The out-going President (Sadr) of the Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Sahibzada Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was given a Farewell on the 7th of November, 1979.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III addressing those who were present, said : "When the living Communities arrange for a farwell or a reception, they do not do so just as a matter of formality. There is always a living truth behind it and that truth is that when one leader departs the other who comes in also does the same kind of good deeds as were done by the outgoing leader ; this new person also displays the same characteristics as are the outcome of true faith and were displayed by the previous leader. It is this aspect of leadership that shows the living signs of the Community."

Huzur further remarked that life was actually a constant movement ; the time is moving and therefore the history of mankind is also moving. Wherever a man finds himself, he moves forward and continues doing something for the betterment of mankind. The changing times add to the responsibilities, and through the fulfilment of these responsibilities the movement of life continues from generation to generation. So far as the present age is concerned, he said, it is the age of the supremacy of Islam and this age is spread over a long period of time. The first century is about to come to an end ; it is only ten years to start the next century. In the new (next) century mankind will find itself in the greatest revolutionary state of life. It is for the Jamaat to pray for the next century and to enter it with humble and prayerful hearts.

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Ansarullah

Mould your lives according to Islam.

In his opening speech at the 22nd Annual Ijtima of the Majlis Ansarullah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih dilated on the beauties of Islam and exhorted the members of the Ansarullah to mould their lives in perfect accordance with the teachings of Islam.

Huzur remarked that the teaching of Islam is so excellent that it does not hurt the feelings of anyone whoever he might be. It really comforts and grants pleasure and contentment to all—that is why even when the Muslims had blunt swords in their hands they won the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people and brought them to the door of God and the Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih drew the attention of the members of the Ansarullah to their responsibilities in respect of their children. He said, "It is for you to be telling your children

at home, beautiful things about Islam, the Holy Prophet Mohammad, the Promised Messiah and the teachings of Islam. You should be telling them something about the books of the Promised Messiah These books should not only be read by you, your children and the coming generations should also be made to read these books. It is through this medium that we can easily and successfully win the world and see Islam supreme everywhere."

Huzur further said, "The Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, was raised as the Mercy for the world and so far as the human beings are concerned he was the source of unending blessings for them This also should be remembered tha so for as the Mercy of the Holy Prophet is concerned it is not discriminative; it extends to all the human beings, be they Muslims or non-Muslims."

Referring to the teachings of Islam Huzur said, "We have been told to perform appropriate actions. What is "appropriate" in connection with 'talking', that is what I should like to tell you. The Holy Prophet has exhorted not to tell lies: to speak the truth and more than that whatever is said must be 'straightforward' (Sadeed, is the word for it in Arabic language). 'Straightforward,' actually means that what is said should not only be true but it should be easily understandable and without any crookedness and moreover it should be desirable. 'Desirable,' means that it should be suitable for the people to whom it is said and also that it should be in conformity with the statndard of the people and beneficial to them. The Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam is reported to have said that you should talk to the people according to their understanding.

So far as the rights of the people are concerned Islam has fixed the rights of all the types of people and has arranged to be given to them without any usurpation—in this respect Islam does not permit any distinction among the human beings.

Of course, there is no doubting the fact that the differences in talents do exist but nobody should be deprived of the opportunity of perfecting his talent whatever it may be; here, this also should be remembered that in the perfection of the talents of the people no distinction is permitted to be made among the Muslims and the Kafirs.

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The offices and the positions should be given according to the capabilities of the people. The Khulafai-Rashideen used to call the talented people from outside Medina—be they Muslims or non-Muslims—and appoint them to carry out various duties of the State.

In short, Huzut said Islam provids means for the comfort of all the people and keeps everybody in view for all the benefits that can be bestowed at any time and in all the circumstances.

Future of the Ahmadi children is the brightest in the world

Addressing the Atfalul Ahmadiyya at their Annual Rally held on the 20th of October, 1979 Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said, "You are the Atfal of Ahmadiyya; the Atfal who are either born in Ahmadiyya Jamaat or who are attributed to the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and, in our terminology the Atfal means the childeren of the age of seven to fifteen.

"There is a difference between one child and the other ard one

tifl and the other (Tifl is singular of Atfal). All the human beings all over the world produce children. There are children to be found in every country of the world and a part of the life of the Atfal all over the world is from seven to fifteen years.

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"There are some children in the world who feel that they have no future and their life is in the dark and unsuccessful; this was the case with the children in Africa in the last century and the century before that. There, they always used to fear that the white nations would capture them any moment and enslave them and carry them to their countries. They (the white nations) cap ured the children and with them their parents or at times the children only, torn away from their relatives and parents, and carried them to America. There, they had to pass through great difficulties and hardships; no less than sixteen hours used to be the working hours. The child who is sitting in front of me is healthier than the children who were made to work for sixteen hours. They were the slaves of the landlords as well as the slaves of the factory owners.

"Even now there are children who have no future and they know it full well.

"You should be grateful to God that you are not among those unfortunate children who fear that somebody might enslave them and sell them in the human markets. Even now there are markets (God knows the truth of this matter) where the kidnapped children are sold. It is the grace of God that so far as I know there is no Ahmadi child who has ever been a victim of this cruelty.

"There are some other children whose life and whose future is not as dark as it has been mentioned before. They receive a little of education (for example, when the British were ruling this Continent, they imparted a little of education, say upto the matriculation standard and then appointed them as clerks. They were made to work as accountants or did some other petty jobs for the government). They (the British people) thought that they were too big to do these petty jobs. That actually meant that they gave a little of education but continued looking down upon them; they humiliated them. They gave them paltry salaries and made them work for long periods.

"You are Ahmadi children. You are not like those mentioned above. You should be grateful to God that you are not one of them.

"There are some other children who are given education but their education (i.e. syllabus) tells them that God does not exist. It is a part of the syllabus that they should be taken away from God. The teachers teach meaningless things and fill the brains and hearts of the children with poison, whereas we kn w and our children also know that God does exist and He loves His servants.

"When in 1974 the Jamaat was passing through difficulties and the members of the Jamaat used to come to me, I had to talk to them for no less than six to seven hours every day. I tried to comfort their minds and take their hearts away from the worries. During these meetings, I used to ask the children if they had any dream which came to pass. Many children would get up to answer me in the affirmative."

Huzur remarked that through those dreams God told the children

simple and little truths, for, the children are not in a position to understand complicated matters like the theories of Einsten or Dr. Salam.

He further said, "In Russia and in the Communist countries, pains are taken to take the children away from God and the result of it is that they are deprived of the blessings of God. God's blessings, he said, are of two kinds: manifest and hidden.

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Those who are taking the children away from God are doing a great injustice to them. Huzur told the children sitting before him that they were the children who had God manifested in their lives and were themselves witnesses of the existence of God.

Huzur told the children hat the future of the Ahmadi children was the brightest in the whole world, for, it is they according to the promise of God through whom Islam will become supreme in the world. He advised them to continue advancing on the path of love for God and to prepare themselves for the fulfilment of the responsibilities that have been (or are going to be) placed on their shoulders.

In the end, he prayed that they may practically also become as fortunate as the promise of God shows them to be. Amen.

Jubilee Fund

Were you an earning member of your family when Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III announced the inauguration of the Ahmadiyya Centenary Fund? And did you send in your promise? If so, are you paying the instalments regularly?

If you were not an earning member and you started earning your livelihood later on, did you send in your promise on getting a job? If not, do so now, and do so without any delay.

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NIKAH SERMON

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On the 16th of May, 1979, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, while announcing some Nikahs said, "It is the nature of man that he thinks of his future and tries all he can to make it better. It is a well known fact that when one becomes old, one begins to look at his past—in fact, this is a sign of old age. Human nature has been made such, because in future an event had to take place which was to bring about a great revolution in his life.

"That event was to be his transfer from this world to he next one, that is, he had to leave this transitory and brief life to enter into the eternal one ; he had to leave false pleasures of this life and to enter into everlasting real pleasures. But it could be so only if he had tried for it and struggled for it. It is for this reason that man's nature has been made such that he should think over his future. Also, it is the result of this very thing that every year we think over the next year and then the next pear. These little steps that we take or little jumps that we make, do not let us realise how the whole of the life flies away ; of course such people are excepted as are loved by God and thus have obtained the means of paradise in this very world.

"So far as thinking of the future is concerned, a part of it is linked with our coming generations also acquiring the love of God as we try to do. And the next or the coming generations will be able to do so, only if arrangement is made for the next generation to come into existence. That is what brings us to the point of marital relations in complete conformity with the teachings of Islam. When a young man and a young girl are brought together in marital relation it can be said, that this is an occasion of very great importance for the young man as well as the young girl. Both of them think over their responsibilities in respect of their mutual life. When they do so from the Islamic point of view, their lives become very pleasant and fruitful in the real sense of the word. Then the next generation comes into existence and then the next and this cycle continues."

At the end of this Sermon, Huzur prayed that God may bless the marital relations of those whose announcement he was going to make.

MUTUAL HELP

Could you help us to help you? If you come across an interesting passage in any newspaper, or a book, its transmission to the "Tahrik-i-Jadid" will be highly appreciated. You may need it in future for writing an article, for addressing a gathering or even for writing a book. We will preserve it for you in our Library and also in the pages of the Tahrik-i-Jadid.

The readers of the Tahrik-i-Jadid will be very grateful to you for sharing your interests with them. of course it goes without saying that the Editorial staff of the Tahrik-i-Jadid will also be obliged to you.

Could you help us to help you ? It is interesting.

DR. SALAM ADDRESSES THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Mubarak Ahmad Saqi, Ahmadiyya Muslim Missionary, United Kingdom, reports that Dr. Abdus Salam addressing the Sunday School of the Ahmadiyya Mission, London, told the students that it was their duty to carry forward the scientific knowledge to its greater heights. He said: "The Ahmadiyya Jamaat has been raised for the revival of Islam and therefore it is the duty of all of us that along with other branches of knowledge we should take keen interest in science and make the greatest possible progress."

Addressing the parents of the students, who were present at the function, Dr. Salam said, "Let your children know well that the main aim of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat is the revival of Islam and the revival of Islam demands that progress should be made in all the branches of knowledge, science included." He talked of the golden days of the history of Islam and said that nobody dare deny that for no less than three and a half centuries the world was led in scientific knowledge by the Muslims. The literature, he said, that was produced by the Muslims in that era still continues to be the guiding light for the scholars.

Dr. Salam who is also a great student of the Holy Quran recited some verses of the Aal-i-Imran (verses 191,192) and drew the attention of the students of the Sunday School to the fact that it was a Must for every Muslim to ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth.

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It is interesting to note that this address of Dr. Abdus Salam was delivered at the Sunday School, only a day before he was awarded the Nobel Prize.

The forehead on the ground

I stand and bow and put my forehead
on the ground
And there I begin to hear a sound
Of the softest feet
That come to meet
My melting soul
Playing the role
Of a bondman who says
That my nights and my days
Are a gift of my Master's grace
Whose presence fills the whole space
This hilarious mood
Is my heart's food
And I wish that I am bound
To the ground,
Never raising my forehead again
Whate'er the stress or the strain
These feet are Yours, my Lord, I know
Now stay with me and do not go
You hear my words of prayer and praise
Be kind and do not let me raise
My forehead from the ground
'Tis here that I can hear the sound
That gives me lasting joy and bliss
And the pleasure of a heavenly kiss.

Naseem Saifi

APPRECIATION FOR THE MISSIONARIES

Addressing a function on the 11th of November, 1938, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II, said, inter alia, "Dard Sahib has returned after a long time. He left (India) in 1933 and now it is the end of 1938. It is a period of five years and three quarters i.e. almost six years This length of time can bring about a lot of changes in human life. At times, the absence of father from his home, affects the good training of the children adversely ; they might become children of loose character. At times one receives so shocking news from his family that it simply becomes unbearable for him. The generality of people cannot understand the hardships that a Missionary has to confront. At times the Missionary has to make the kind of sacrifices that ordinary people do not find it possible for them to make. There are some people who, without understanding these hardships, begin to criticise the Missionaries whereas if they had been able to undestand these hardships they would have felt deeply obliged to the Missionaries.

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In short the Jamaat owes a great deal to the Missionaries who go abroad to serve religion. Ignorant is that part of the Jamaat which does not realise that the Jamaat owes a great deal to the Missionaries. The people of Europe pay such persons very high amounts as their salaries. When their diplomats, that is, the political officers, return to their countries, their people laud their service so greatly that it seems as if they have been raised to the skies. The Ambassador of France is paid a salary higher than that of the Prime Minister but when he goes back to his country his services are so greatly appreciated that it seems that he had been starving (for the sake of his country). Look at the Viceroy of India. The Government foots the bill for his food and lodging and other amenities provided to him and on top of all that he is paid twenty thousand rupees as pocket money. When he goes back to his country after five years, he carries no less than one million and two hundred thousand rupees with him. On reaching his country laurels are showered on him and very deep gratitude is expressed for his services. This actually is the secret of success and progress for the communities. When somebody starts doing something, he has the confidence that the whole of the nation is at his back. Of course the servants of religion do not mind these things ; they do not look for any encomiums from the people. They are fully aware of the fact that they are serving God and they are representing a people who are pious and pure hearted ; they only think of their responsibilities. But there are some responsibilities to be shouldered by the Communities also and just as it does not behove that an individual may not care for his responsibilities, it also does not behove the people (the Commnnity) to ignore its responsibilities."

With these words Hazrat Khalifa-Masih II drew the attention of the Jamaat to be appreciative of the services of the Missionaries who go abroad to serve religion.

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MISSION ACTIVITIES

Maulvi Atal-ul-Mujib Rashed M A. : writes from Japan : With the grace of God some literature on Islam in Japanese is now ready for distribution. It is mostly distributed at places where people can be met in large numbers. some of those to whom the pamhlets are given at such places take keen interest and try to contact the Mission for further information. Personal contacts prove very useful and at times the discussions extend hours on end.

Maulvi Rashed also keeps in touch with the newspapers and whenever the occasion arises he is all out to defend or explain Islamic teachings. Last year his article on the life after death—based on the writings of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, was published in a magaz ne of the Budhists ; this magazine is read all over the world. This provided a very good opportunity for presenting the Islamic teachings as expounded by the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, on one of the most important subjects : Life after death. Again this year an English newspaper published an article on the political awakening of the Muslim world. Maulvi Ata-ul-Majib and Dr. Nasir Ahmad Parwazi dilated on the topic by bringing in the spiritual awakening that is taking place or that is expected to take place in the near future. In this article of his, Maulvi Rashed also made mention of the sincere efforts that the Ahmadiyya Jan aat is making in helping Islam all over the world.

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Food for thought

Christ and his cross

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IT is generally believed by the Christians that since Jesus died on the cross and beeame accursed for them, he has become an atonement for their sins. Becoming accursed after having been hanged, is based on a verse of Deuteronomy which runs thus :

"His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day ; for he that is hanged is accursed of God ; that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance." (21 : 23)

But this verse cannot be read alone—it has a reference to the previous verse. Let us therefore quote the previous verse also :

"And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to put to death , and thou hang him on a tree." (21 : 22)

As for us, we do not believe that Jesus died on the cross, thouhg he was put on it. Therefore the question of his being (or not being) accursed does not arise at all. But our Christian friends believe that Jesus became accursed (for their sins). We should like to draw the attention of of our Christian friends that mere dying on the cross cannot make anyone accursed. The verses of the Bible quoted above are quite self-explanatory.

It is only a man having been proved criminal and thus found worthy of death. if he is put on the cross, he becomes accursed. That really shows that it is the crime (which makes a man worthy of death) that puts someone in the category of 'accursed people' and not mere dying on the cross.

The Jews could be said to be quite right (in their own way of thinking) that since they had proved Jesus to be criminal and they had put him on the cross and he died there, he was 'accursed' (God forbid). But our Christian friends have no reason for calling Jesus accursed, unless they, first, believe that it was proved to their own satisfaction that he was 'criminal'

We are sure, our Christian friends can never say that the accusations against Jesus, which the Jews said made him worthy of death, were true.

And if the accusations were not true (we also say that they were not true) then even if Jesus had died on the cross) which really is not a fact) he could not be accursed.

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Social Structure of Islam

RECENTLY Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad delivered an Address on social-structure of Islam. The Address which was in Urdu language has been published under the title 'Islami Mo-aashira' in a book form. The English translation is expected to be publised soon. We intend to acquaint the readers of the Tahrik-i-Jadid with the subject matter as briefly as possible. What follows (and will continue to follow) may be taken as a gist of the book. Effort will be made not to miss any important point or any reference to the verses of the Holy Quran, Hadees or other important writings.

Sahibzada Sahib says : We cannot succeed in creating an atmosphere of peace and order until we establish the social structure of Islam and this duty has been assigned to us.

For the establishment of the social structure of Islam, two things are basic : 1) Equality (in its wider as well as limited perspective) ; (2) Sympathy for human beings and mutual feelings of brotherhood.

I have given precedence to Equality, for, the, attention of the whole world, our own country included, is centered on this subject. At the present time there are two systems, in addition to that of Islam, which are prevailing in most of the countries of the world. One system can be called Westernism and the o her is Communism. Both of them are extremes tending towards one side or the other. In one of these systems, personal freedom or personal right does not seem to have any value at all and in the other system the personal freedom and personal right are given preference over the basic human rights. So far as Islamic system is conceived it takes a middle course which if followed meticulously, would remove the contradictions and conflicts.

This is what the Holy Quran says about equality :

يا ايها الناس اتقوا ربكم الذى خلقكم من نفس واحدة و خلق منها زوجها و بث منها رجالا كثيراً و نساء ، و اتقوا الله الذى تساءلون به و الارحام ان الله كان عليكم رقيبا -

"O ye people! fear your Lord Who created you from a single soul and of its *kind* created its mate, and from them twain spread many men and women; and fear Allah, in Whose name you appeal to one another, and *jear Him particularly respecting* ties of kinship. Verily, Allah watches over you."

(An-Nisa : 2)

Also :

يا ايها الناس انا خلقنكم من ذكر و
انثى و جعلنكم شعوباً و قبائل لتعارفوا
ان اكرمكم عند الله اتقكم ، ان الله
عليم خبير .

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"O mankind, We have created you from a male and female; and We have made you tribes and subtribes that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable among you, in the sight of Allah, is he who is the most righteous among you. Surely, Allah is All-knowing, All-Aware."

(Al-Hujurat : 14)

Through these verses God tells us that the whole human race began from one source i.e. one father, and that is why all the human beings, as human beings, are equal to one another. There is no difference between one man and the other man. Commenting upon these verses the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam is reported to have said,

The whole creation constitutes the family of God and the person who treats this creation in the best manner is most beloved of God.

Malaysian Vice Premier visits Mahmud Mosque, Zurich

A report received from Zurich, Switzerland, Indicates that the Vice Premier of Malaysia—Mahateer Bin Mohammad, visited the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque known as Masjid Mahmud, on the 13th of October, 1979. He was accompanied by Mr. Qamaruddin Mohammad Arif, the Malaysian Ambassador for Germany and Switzerland and other officials of the Malaysian Government.

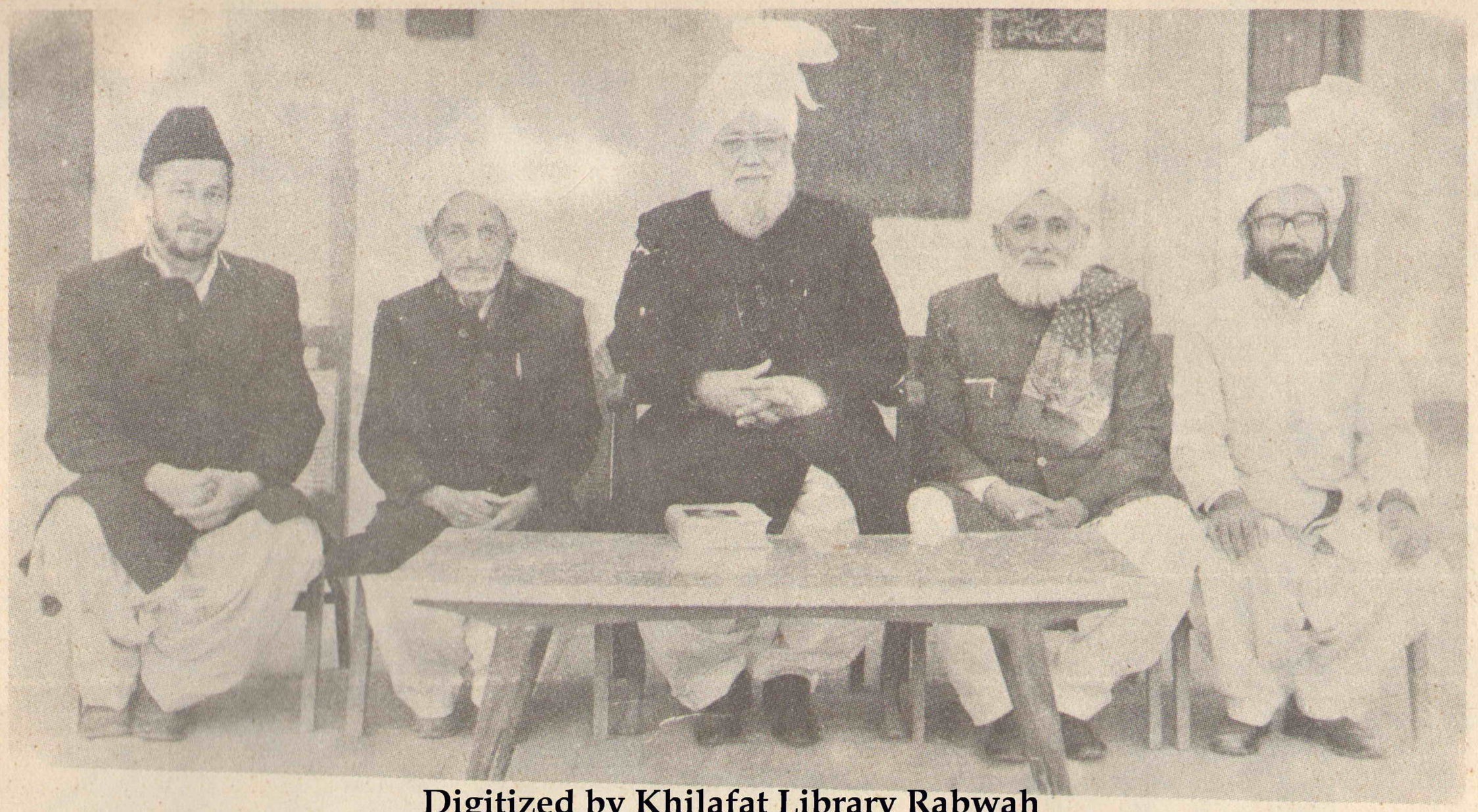
On the arrival of the honoured Guests, they were received by Maulvi Naseem Mahdi, Missionary in charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission in Switzerland.

The Vice Premier offered two Rakaat Nafal prayer and had a sitting with those present for more than an hour and a half. The conversation centered round the condition of the Muslims in the country and the ways and means through which it could be improved.

The Missionary-in-charge offered the guests, Islamic literature which was received with thanks.

The occasion was duly covered by the Press and the Malaysian Television.

The Vice Premier of Malaysia has set a very good example for the diplomats and delegates of the Muslim countries. This kind of visits to the Muslim Missions in the European countries go a long way in restoring the confidence of the Muslims in their efforts for the betterment of their brethren and it also encourages them to stay together and work together



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—— ایک یادگاری تصویر ——

Ch. Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
is addressing the Ahmadiyya
Conference in Switzerland.

سوئٹزر لینڈ میں کانفرنس کے موقع پر
محترم چوھدری محمد ظفر اللہ خاں صاحب تقریر فرما
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Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad, Vakili Aala at the Book Exhibition in W. Germany.

جرمنی میں کتابوں کی نمائش کے دو منظر

محترم صاحبزادہ مرزا مبارک احمد صاحب وکیل اعلیٰ - اوپر کی تصویر میں میاں منصور احمد خاں صاحب سے اور نچلی تصویر میں آزادئی فلسطین کے ایک نمائندہ سے گفتگو فرما رہے ہیں -

Alhaj A. A. Abiola, now President of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Nigeria, is seen in this picture holding the string of the Ahmadiyya Banner, which he had the honour of unfurling on the occasion of an Annual Gathering at Rabwah.

محترم الحاج عبدالعزیز صاحب ابی اولا ایک جلسہ سالانہ پر لوائے احمدیت لہرا رہے ہیں۔ اب الحاج ابی اولا صاحب نائجیریا کی احمدیہ جماعت کے صدر ہیں ۔

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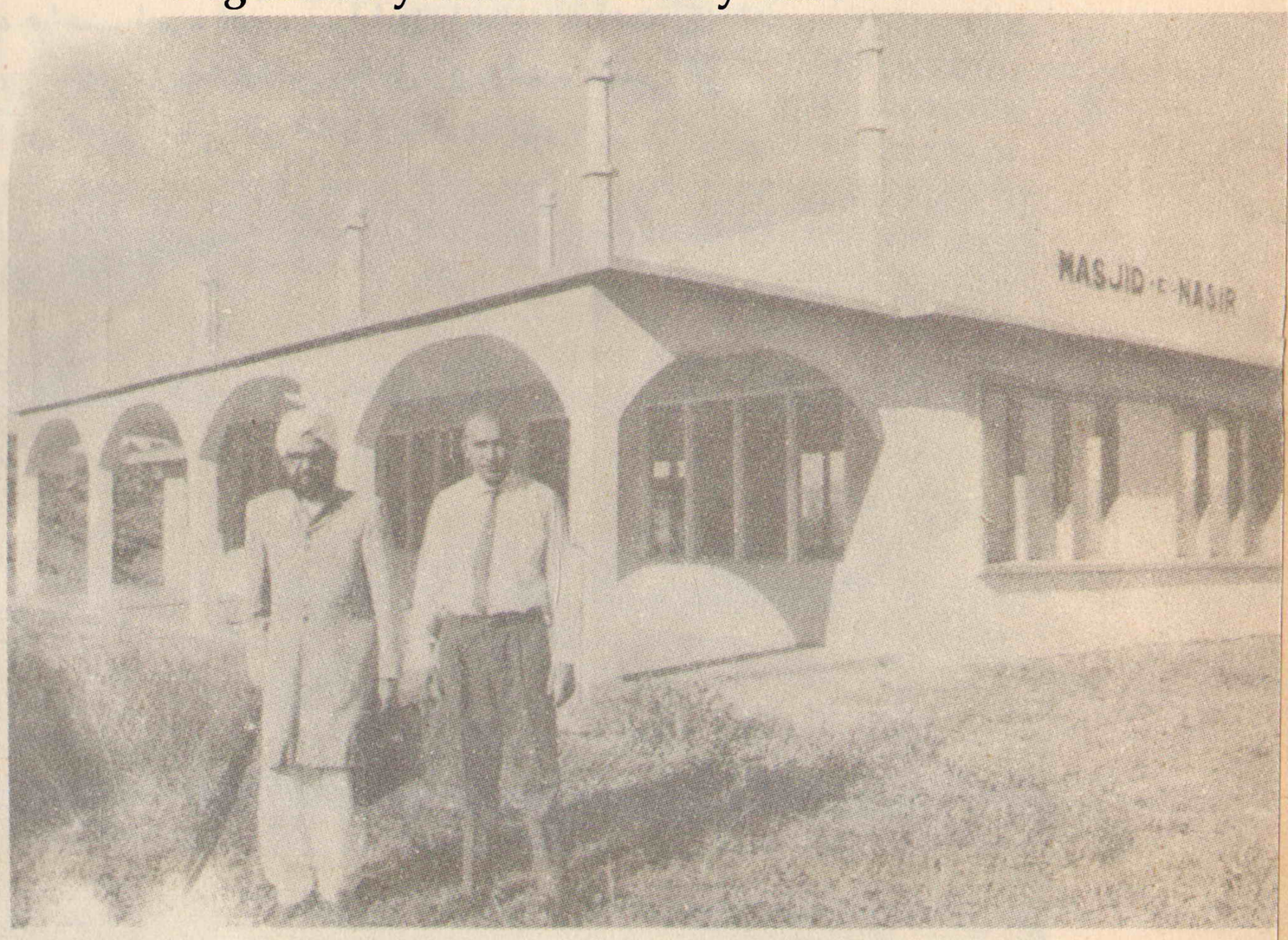
Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam, Amir and Missionary incharge, Ahmadiyya Jamaat, Ghana, W. Africa delivering his inaugural Address at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Ghana Jamaat at Saltpond.

مکرم مولوی عبدالوہاب صاحب آدم امیر و مشنری انچارج احمدیہ جماعت گھانا سالٹ پانڈ میں جماعت کے جلسہ سالانہ پر افتتاحی تقریر فرما رہے ہیں ۔



Masjid-i-Nasir in Fiji

فجی میں احمدیہ جماعت کی تعمیر کردہ ایک مسجد ۔ مسجد ناصر

Dr. Idris Bangura M. D., Vice President of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Sierra Leone has been awarded three-year scholarship by the French Government to study and specialise in surgery, in France. This photograph was taken at the Lungi (Freetown) Air Port on the eve of Dr. Bangura's departure to France. Second from left (standing) is Mr. Khalil Kamara, a Veteran Ahmadi Journalist in Sierra Leone.

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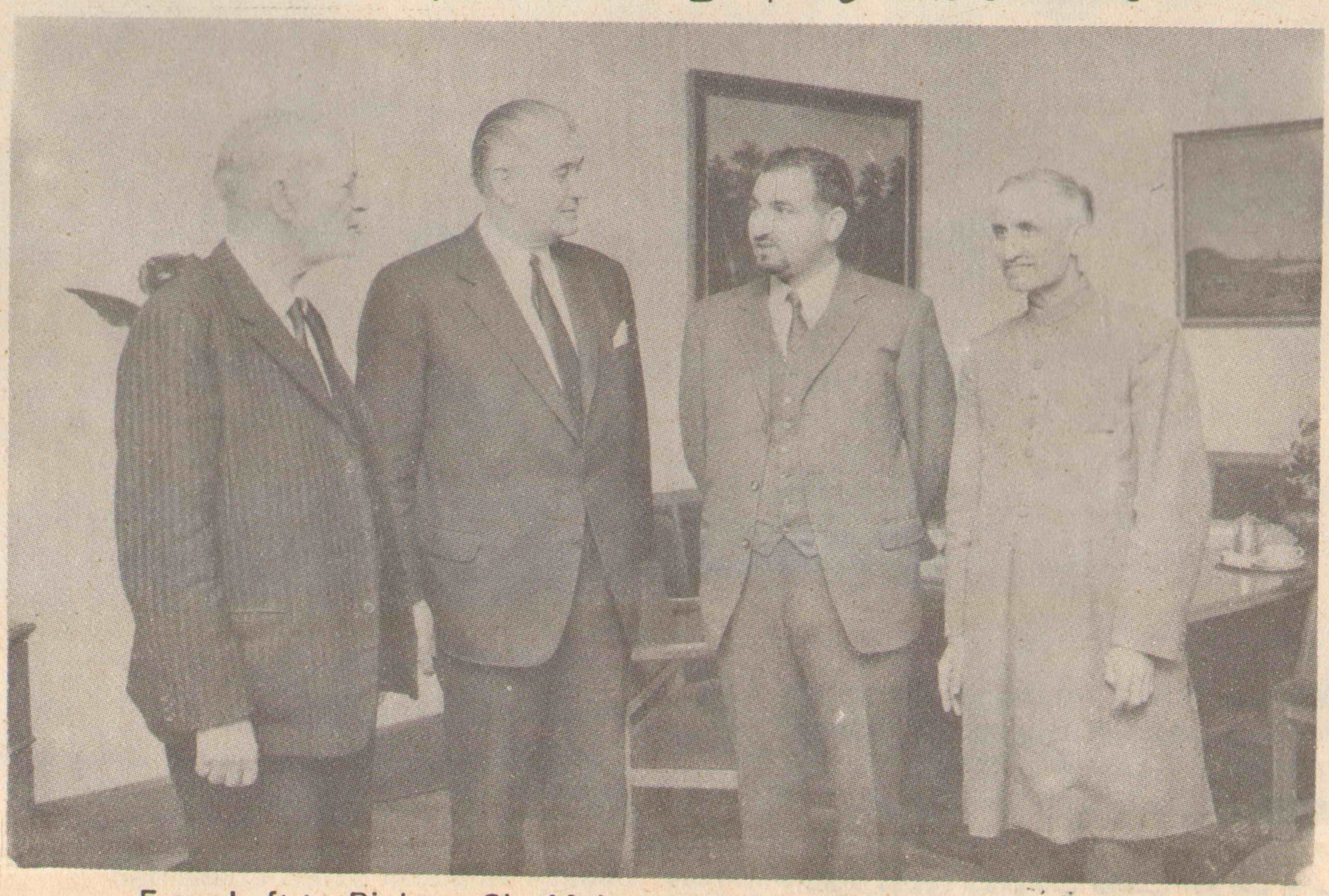
مکرم ڈاکٹر ادریس بینگورہ صاحب ایم ۔ ڈی ۔ سیرا لیون احمدیہ جماعت کے وائس پریزیڈنٹ (درمیان میں بیٹھے ہوئے) فرانس روانگی کے وقت ۔ فرانس کی حکومت نے آپکو سرجری کی تعلیم کیلئے تین سالہ وظیفہ دیا ہے ۔



From Left to Right : Ch. Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Dr. Wilhelm Fay, Mayor of Frankfurt, Masud Ahmad Jhelumi and Ch. Abdul Latif, on the occasion of tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Ahmadiyya Mission in West Germany.

مغربی جرمنی میں احمدیہ مشن کے دس سال پورے ہونے پر ایک تقریب میں لی گئی تصویر ۔

Khana Ka'ba stormed and retrieved

It is gratifying to note that the Saudi Government has cleared the Khana Ka'aba of the gunmen who stormed it with the intent of seizure. The gunmen who were said to be 60 to 100 at the initial stage of the storming, were found to be no lees than 500, men women and children included.

This sad event sent a wave of shock over the Muslim world and reaction took in the form of arsen and killing in various parts of the Muslim inhabitations. Islamabad in Pakistan and Hyderabad in India seems to have been most hit. In Pakistan the Government took prompt action to save the personnel of the American Embassy and since then a number of arrests have also been made.

To protect the Khana Ka'aba from all vicissitudes is a promise of God since the days of Hazrat Ibrahim, alaihissalam. In his Tafsir-i-Kabir, Hazrat Muslih Maud, may God be pleased with him, says, "The promise of God to protect the Ka'aba, was given as far back as the days of Hazrat Ibrahim, alaihissalam. The Arabs used to claim that nobody could attack the Khana Ka'aba to destroy it. They further said that if anybody would dare attack it, God Himself would protect it. The proof of this fact was supplied by the attack of Kaaba by Abraha. When Abdul Mattalib had his attention drawn to this very fact, Abraha said to him: The two hundred camels of yours that my forces have captured are being demanded back by you whereas you say nothing about the Ka'aba itself which is worshipping place of your forefathers and yours too. He accused him of being half—witty and ignorant. Hazrat Abdul Muttalib told Abraha that his question in itself was the answer to what Abraha was saying. "The camels belong to me and therefore I have asked for them to be given back to me. Whosoever is the owner of a thing, does care for it, and he cannot tolerate that thing being wasted or destroyed. The Ka'aba belongs to God and He Himself is responsible to look after it and to protect it."

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III says: "God made one house for the benefit of the whole of humanity. But it is a pity that mankind, as a whole, did not recognise this fact and it resulted in its destruction; it was altogether effaced from the face of the earth. God once again, through His revelation, got it built through the efforts of Hazrat Ibrahim alaihissalam, and in order to keep it in good condition and to protect it from eventualities, appointed the posterity of Hazrat Ibrahim as its guardians. Hazrat Ibrahim's posterity dedicated their lives for its protection for a very long time—for no less than two thousand and five hundred years. As a result of all this, a people were fully prepared to take up the responsibilities of a universal Code of Life (Sharia). (Khutba Juma, 7 4 1967)

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He also says: God willed it that the Ka'aba should become a place of great blessings. And it did become so with the advent of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. God willed it that He should bestow it with a guidance

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The Programme of the Jalsa Salana 1979

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III will inaugurate the Jalsa Salana at 9.30 a.m. on the 26th of December.

After the inauguration and collective silent prayer Maulvi Abdul Malik Khan and Sahibzada Mirza Tahir Ahmad will address the gathering.

The Zuhr and Asr prayers will he offered between 1.30 and 2.00 p.m.

The second session will be addressed by Sahibzada Mirza Anas Ahmad, Malik saifur-Rahman and Maulvi N. A. Mobashir.

On the 27th of December the speakers at the first session will be Maulvi Mohammad Shafi Ashraf, Maulvi Fazl Elahi Anwari and Ch. Mohammad Zafrullah Khan.

The Zuhr and Asr prayers will be offered between 1.30—2 00 p m. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih's address will begin at 2.15 p m.

On the 28th of December the speakers at the first session will be : Maulvi Chirag Din, Sahibzada Mirza Mubarak Ahmad and Maulvi Dost Mohammad.

The Zuhr and Asr prayers will be offered between 1.30—2.00 p m.

The Address of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III will start at 2.15 p.m.

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that would be the need of the whole of mankind, and this promise was also fulfilled through the revelation of the Holy Quran which is a perfect law and a universal code of life.

Khutba Juma 5-5-1967

In a poetical verse Hazrat Muslih Maud, may God be pleased with him, says :

May Rabwah continue to pray for the greatness and grandeur of the Ka'aba and may Rabwah always continue to receive the prayers and good wishes of the Ka'aba.

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Huzurs Eid Sermon

HAJ–the hightest stage of love

Eidul Azhiya is celebrated in memory of the sacrifice which can be said to be the last stage of Love and it reminds us that our own sacrifices should also be of the same kind. God likes the hearts that have lights of love kindled in them and become a means of the removal of darknesses.

That was the theme of the Khutba of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III on the occasion of Eidul Azhiya celebrated on the 1st of November, 1979.

The Eid Prayer was offered at the Masjid Aqsa. As he entered the Mosque, Huzur greeted the Gathering by saying Assalamo alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatohoo and Eid Mubarak. His greetings of Eid Mubarak were addressed to all the Ahmadis gathered in the Mospue and to all the Ahmadis all over the world and he prayed that God Himself may provide for the pleasures of Eidul Azhiya for all the Ahmadis all over the world.

In his Eid Sermon Huzur said, "The Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, brought the most perfect religion. This actually mears that Islam, the religion brought by the Holy Prophet Mohammad, ensures the necessary means for the perfection of the talents of human beings. In other words Islam looks after and develops all the aspects of human life. As for the talents of man, it must be remembered that God has given him intellect and sentiments. Islam has made use of both these talents. What are generally known as rituals, they have also been based on intellect as well as sentiments (of course 'sentiments' here refer to 'love').

The saceifice involved in the performance of Haj is based on love. It demands that filled with love and in an ecstatic mood one should run about (at prescribed places) in Mecca.

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It was the sacrifice of Abraham that resulted in the sacrifice of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. And it can be rightly said that the sacrifice of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, was far greater than that of Hazrat Ibrahim, alaihissalam. Mecca was not as 'desolate' and 'un-productive' when Hazrat Ibrahim left Hagar and Ishmael there, as it was in the times af the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. At the time of Hazrat Ibrahim there was nobody there, neither good nor bad. In other words this valley was quite free from the satanic people. But when the Holy Prophet appeared there, it was full of people who could be truly called beasts, rather worse than beasts. The Holy Prophet met these people in their full power and then changed them to be godly people. These very people became the finest people, the world had ever produced ; they became the teachers of mankind in spiritual as well as secular knowledge.

In the end Huzur prayed that God may provide for the true and

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NOTES & COMMENTS

Maulvi Abdul Wahab meets delegates of O. A. U.

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Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam, Amir, and Missionary incharge of the Ahmadiyya Jamaat in Ghana met the delegates of the Oragnisation of the African Unity at their Annual Conference held in Liberia. Although he was to attend the Conference as an Observer, he could not reach Liberia in time and therefore was unable to attend the Conference. He had the opportunity of meeting the members on various occasions and had very useful talks with them.

The aim of our Missionaries in meeting the members of this kind of conferences always is that the teachings of Islam be explained to them so that as large a number of people as possible should be able to benefit from the practicability of the teachings of our noble religion.

The Liberian Government allowed various schools of thought to address the Radio audiences and to appear on the Television to explain their view-point. The Ahmadiyya point of view was presented by our Local Missionary in Liberia

While talking to different members of the Conference Maulvi Abdul Wahab Adam learnt to his pleasure that they already knew the Ahmadiyya Mission and were very appreciative of the Ahmadiyya activities in their respective countries.

In the absence of Maulvi Abdul-Wahab from Ghana, Maulvi Yusuf Yausan acted as the Amir and Missionary in-charge of the Mission in Ghan. Maulvi Yausan had his theological education and training at the Ahmadiyya Missionary Training Centre known as Jamia Ahmadiyya, at Rabwah.

President of a Parliament gets a book

Maulana Karam Ilahi Zafar, Ahmadiyya Missionary in Spain, sent a copy of a book entitled 'Islamic teaching and culture' to the President of the Parliament of Qatlonia in Spain.

While acknowledging the receipt of the book, the President remarked that it was his ardent wish that this book be circulated very widely among the pious and gentlemanly people and he prayed that God may grant His succour in this kind of righteous endeavors so that mankind may be able to live in peace ann harmony.

The Vakil-ut-Tabshir has asked the friends to pray for all the Missionaries and other workers of the Jamaat that God may crown their efforts with success and make Islam supreme in the world at the earliest possible time.

The present of a Van

It is interesting and encouraging to note that the Ahmadiyya Secondary School, Ogbagi has been presented with a Van by the parents of the students; it is the most modern

Toyota Van.

The presentation was made at a specially arranged function and it was received by the Alhaji A. R. Busari, Presinent of the Ibadan Circuit. At this function collection was also made for another progressive programme of the School. The programme is estimated to cost no less than ten thousand Naira; the collection made or in other words the money donated amounted to two and a half thousand Naira. The remaining amount is expected to be collected very soon.

Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan passes away

It is announced with great regret that Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan a grandson of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, and son of Hazrat Nawab Mohammad Ali Khan and Nawab Mubaraka Begum, of the blessed memory, passed away in the early hours of the morning of 16th of November Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajioon.

Born on the 11th of July 1910, he was very pious, softspoken and talented. While at Qadian he started Mac Works to advance the scientific knowledge of the youth and to provide jobs to the needy.

The very next day of his passing away, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III said in his Friday Sermon, "Last night, Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan passed away. He had not been ill for long time: it was only influenza that he had for the past two, three days. It seems as if he coughed and could not control his breathing and the lungs stopped their work. Hazrat Nawab Mohammad Ali Khan had three sons from his first wife, who have already passed away. He had two sons from Nawab Mubaraka Begum. Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan was the elder son. He was very sincere and humble. I knew him from the very early childhood."

His Janaza was led by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III after the Asr Prayer, and the same day he was laid to rest,

We offer our condolences to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III, Hazrat Begum Sahiba (Nawab Mohammad Ahmad Khan was her brother) and to all other members of the family of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam.

Family life

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Hazrat Mian Sharif Ahmad, may God be pleased with him, says: The Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam, says: Khairokum Khairokum li-ahlihee wa anaa khairokum li ahlee i.e. the best of you is he who is best for his family (for his people) and I am the best for my family. This actually meant that the treatment of the Holy Prophet sallallaho alaihi wa sallam was the best in respect of his family.

This is one of the golden rules to make the society pleasant and to improve it, given to us by the Holy Prophet, sallallaho alaihi wa sallam. So far as my observation is concerned I have seen this golden rule given by the Holy Prophet, being applied in its full force in the life of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam. The treatment of the Promised Messiah, alaihissalam, with his members of the family, with his children, his servants, his guests, his friends and with all those with whom he came in contact was full of love and affection and sympathy. The word 'ahl' with its wider meanings (including the family, friends and those who come in contact) had nothing but a beneficial treatment from him.

So far as the family (with emphasis on 'wife') was concerned, I

fully remember that the Promised Messiah's attitude towards them was that of love and affection. He used to take so much care of his wife that I have never seen anyone doing the same, in this Age. Hazrat Ammajan (the wife of the Promised Messiah) also devoted all the time and care for him, so much so that quite often she used to cook herself, for him though there were others to cook—the mother of Asghari and Mian Karim Bakhsh.

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Gold Medal for Physics

The Abdulssalam Physics Society of the Government Ta'limul Islam College, Rabwah at a meeting held in the physics Auditorium under the Chairmanship of Professor Mohammad Bakhsh, Principal of the College, has decided to inaugurate the award of a Gold Medal in honour of Dr. Abdussalam who has won the Nobel Prize.

The Meeting passed a resolution expressing pleasure and pride in the services of Dr. Salam for the whole world; tha resolution also contained prayers for Dr Salam that God may grant him good health and long life to give more of his valuable services to mankind.

Dr. Nasir Khan who explained the theory of Dr. Salam was listened to with rapt attention.

The life, activities and achievements of Dr. Salam were the topic of another speech delivered by Mr. Karimullah, a student of the M. Sc.

The Principal, Prof. Mohammad Bakhsh, gratefully mentioned the help that Dr. Salam had all al ng rendered to the College and patronized this institution. It was the Principal himself who suggested that a Gold Medal be awarded to the best student of Physics every year, in honour of Dr. Salam's achievements.

A Saint or a Sinner

Is it a struggle that I should keep
And see that none should know
To be a Saint, or live a Sinner
Are thoughts that come and go
A Saint is good but none can say
A fall may wreck his soul
A Sinner can always have a hope
Of playing a better role
To be a Saint is all a grace
Of God, the Good and Great
A sin is all that sinner has
A gift of luck or fate
But I have heard the people say
That God is Giving Ever—Giving
He picks up all the sinners to show
He loves to be forgiving
My Lord and God, I do not know
What's good for me and why
Should I live a Saint's life
Or be a Sinner, and die.

Naseem Saifi

To our respectable Missionaries

If you always keep a list of the important things that an Ahmadi Missionary is expected to do, that will help you to set your progarmme very comprehensively and enable you to fill all the nooks and corners of your time, which might, otherwise be left out.

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real pleasures of Eidul Azhiya for all the Ahmadis all over the world and every Ahmadi may have so deep a love for his Creator that the light of love kinkled in his heart may remove all the darknesses of the world and bring the people back to their God the Almighty.

Tahrik-i-Jadid

The Message of
HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH III

(On the occasion of Annual Conference of Nigeria)

Rabwah
Dated 11. 12. 1979

Dear Brethren,

Assalamo Alaikum.

It is a matter of great pleasure to know that you are holding your Annual Conference on December Twenty third, Twenty fourth and Twenty fifth. May Allah bless this conference and its participants and make it a source for spreading Islam in Nigeria and the neighbouring countries. Ameen.

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On this occasion I wish to draw your attention to the spiritual revolution that the Promised Messiah has brought about in the world. At the time of his advent, Islam and Muslims were passing through a period of extreme helplessness and decadence. Muslims were poor and ignorant. Political power and influence had deserted them. They were bankrupt and were suffering from a sense of frustration. They had lost even the will to rise and join the living nations of the world. Islam was attacked from all sides and there was one to defend it. Christianity was the most bitter and the most active of Islam's enemies. Christian missionaries had gone out to all the countries of the world leading a bitter onslaught against Islam and Muslims. Christian political power and wealth were most eager to help them. Christianity was so confident of its victory that its missionaries had declared :

1. The continent of Arica was in their lap.
2. There would not be a single Muslim left in India.
3. The time had come to hoist the flag of Christianity over Kaaba.

And against ail this the Promised Messiah was alone except for a few of his poor followers. They had no money, no power, no political influence. But God, who is the Lord of all the worlds was his Helper. And He had told him to proclaim that the days of Islam's triumph were at hand. He declared God had told him that :

"All faiths shall perish except Islam and all weapons shall break except the heavenly weapon of Islam which shall neither break nor be blunted until it smashes the forces of darkness into smithereens. The time is close at hand when the pure unity of God, that even dwellers of deserts who are ignorant of all faiths feel in their hearts, will spread throughout the world."

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Since this was prophesied, the religious world has been completely changed. The continent of Africa, as you know better, instead of joining the ranks of Christianity is gathering under the banner of the Holy Prophet of Islam. In Pakistan and India the Christian Missionaries feel shy of even raw Ahmadi youth. The wish of hoisting the Christian flag over Kaaba remains and shall ever remain a dream !

The signs of the fulfilment of these prophecies are daily becoming evident The triump of Islam over all other faiths is nearer than ever. But this lays a greater than ever responsibility on our shoulders We should prepare ourselves and our children to welcome the century of victory and triumph of Islam. We should welcome it in a true spirit of humility and prostrate ourselves before God Almighty in gratitude and thankfulness We shou'd, now more than ever, try to lead our lives according to the tenets of Islam. We should try to bring up our children according to the teachings of the Holy Quran. So that when, in the century of the triump of Islam, people enter its folds in hosts we may be able to serve as their teachers and guides.

It is for this reason that I have asked you, time and again, to study the Holy Quran and the books of the Promised Messiah, which are, infact, the commentary of Holy Book. So that you may truly understand Islamic teachings and lead your lives accordingly

I have no need to remind you that I love you dearly and pray for you daily. May Allah bless you and your children. May He have mercy on you and grant you all that is good in this world and in the next. Ameen.

Mirza Nasir Ahmad
Khalifatul Masih III